

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1735
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH MARCH, 2016

MSP FOR TOBACCO

1735. SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that MSP for tobacco has not been announced after 2008-09, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether tobacco farmers have been demanding MSP for tobacco like other crops; and
- (c) if so, whether the Government is considering to fix the MSP for tobacco, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a): Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) had been recommending Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Tobacco every year and the Department of Commerce had been fixing and notifying the MSP. Department of Commerce, has not fixed the MSP of Tobacco since 2008-09, as the average price realized by farmers, taking all grades of tobacco together, was much higher than the cost of cultivation and hence need to fix MSP for tobacco had not been felt.

(b) & (c): Government has not received any communication from tobacco farmers seeking MSP.
